

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	18474	Agenda Number	71.
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Meeting Date:	September 27, 2012
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of Amendment No. 1 to add a 12-month extension option to a contract through the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance with SERVICEWEAR APPAREL, for the purchase of industrial and uniform clothing items in an amount not to exceed \$750,000, for a revised total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,050,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budgets of various using City departments.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.
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Prior Council Action:	October 20, 2011, Approved Contract
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For More Information:	Sydney Ceder, Senior Buyer /974-2035
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.
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MBE / WBE:	This Cooperative Purchase is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified, therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide a source for various City departments to purchase industrial and uniform clothing items for employee on the job use on an as-needed basis. This contract extension is the result of the City's unsuccessful attempt to solicit vendor interest in providing a consolidated industrial uniform and equipment contract. Using the City's successful solicitation for public safety uniforms and equipment as a model, the City solicited all known interested vendors, both local and national, without gaining significant interest for solicitation response.

While the current Service Wear contract is open to City wide users, ABIA and Parks have been the primary users to date. This expanded contract will be used by all City departments to meet their industrial clothing and equipment needs, with additional use by Austin Water Utility, Austin Resource Recovery, Transportation, Building Services, Code Compliance, Fleet, Health, Library, Public Works and Watershed Protection.

Service Wear Apparel is contracted through the U. S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance as its exclusive uniform distributor. By providing a comprehensive range of high-quality apparel from leading brands, Service Wear Apparel can fulfill the unique apparel needs of various organizations and public agencies. Products include woven and knit shirts, pants, shorts, outerwear, coveralls, lab coats, hospitality wear, enhanced visibility wear, flame resistant wear, and protective gear. By using innovative fibers, fabrics and finishes, these garments are fully customizable to ensure that each uniform and garment correctly and professionally identifies each agency appropriately.

The U. S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance is a non-profit government purchasing cooperative. It was formed by the National Association of Counties (NACO), the National Institute of Government Purchasing, Inc. (NIGP, the National League of Cities, the Association of School Business Officials International, and the United States Conference of Mayors. Non-profit organizations can use the U. S. Communities program in addition to counties, cities, special districts, schools, universities and colleges, towns, villages and state agencies. All contracts are competitively solicited by a lead public agency, and contracts incorporate benchmarking analysis and third party audits.